Killings in Jammu and Kashmir

1757. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the police, B.S.F. and other security force personnel killed and injured by terrorists in Kashmir Valley and Jammu region, separately during the current year;

(b) the number of terrorists killed by security forces during the above period;

(c) the number of intruders from Pakistan arrested and the number of those released and the reasons for their release during the above period; and

(d) the number of bomb blasts and arson in the valley and the Jammu region during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) From the available information, the number of Security Force personnel and terrorists killed in Jammu and Kashmir during the current upto 31-7-90, is as under:

(a) Security Force personnel killed by terrorists.	
(i) B.S.F.	8
(ii) State Police	17
(iii) Other Security Force personnel	42
	67
(b) Terrorists killed by security force.	182

2. The State Government of J&K have advised that—

(a) 1,625 persons including intruders from Pakistan were apprehended during the current year upto 31-7-90, out of which 475 were released after preliminary verification.

(b) 865 incidents of explosions 395 acts of arson were committed by militants during current year in the State.

Applications pending for telephone connections in Uttar Pradesh

1758. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications for telephone connections pending in Uttar Pradesh as on 31st July, 1990; and

(b) by when the phones are likely to be provided to the applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) 86712 applications are pending for telephone connections as on 31st July, 1990 in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Expansion programmes have been proposed to provide 35500 telephones during 1990-91 and the remaining waiting list is likely to be cleand progressively during the 8th Five Year Plan.

Curtailment in Postal services

1759. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions are being issued to (i) close down Return Letter Offices, (ii) reduce the three-time-a-day delivery of Dak to once-a-day, and (iii) transfer to R.M.S. offices to post offices; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) (i) No Sir, no instructions have been issued to close down the Returned Letter Offices. Only an experimental decentralisation of the